

Please amend page 3, paragraph 3 through page 4, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

- - **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS** - -

[Brief description of the drawings]

_____ [The] Other characteristics and advantages of the connection group for [connecting] movable road barriers, in accordance with the present invention, will [be brought out more clearly by] become apparent from the [following] description [of a particular embodiment thereof] set forth below, which is [given by way of example] exemplary and is not to be considered [limitative] limiting in any way, [the] such description making reference to the attached drawings [of,] in which:

Please amend page 4, first full paragraph, to read as follows:

[- Figure 1 shows] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a connection group for [connecting] movable road barriers [in accordance with], according to one aspect of the present invention;

Please amend page 4, second full paragraph, to read as follows:

[- Figure 2 shows] FIG. 2 is a side [elevation] elevational view of the connection group of [Figure] FIG. 1;

Please amend page 4, third full paragraph, to read as follows:

[- Figure 3 shows] FIG. 3 is a [longitudinal section] sectional view of the connection group taken along lines III-III of [Figure] FIG. 2;

Please amend page 4, fourth full paragraph, to read as follows:

[- Figure 4 shows] FIG. 4 is an enlarged detail view of [a detail] the locking arrangement of [Figure] FIG. 3;

Please amend page 4, fifth full paragraph, to read as follows:

[- Figure 5 shows] FIG. 5 is a [cross section] sectional view of the connection group taken along lines V-V of [Figure] FIG. 2;

Please add the following new paragraph after the fifth full paragraph on page 4:

- - The same numerals are used throughout the drawing figures to designate similar elements. Still other objects and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following description of the preferred embodiments. - -

Please amend page 4, sixth full paragraph, to read as follows:

- - DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS - -

[Detailed description of the Invention]

_____[With reference] Referring now to the drawings and [in particular to figure], more particularly, to FIG. 1, the reference numbers 1 and 2 indicate [, respectively, the] two upright members of two conventional movable road barriers, respectively, though not [completely] shown in their entirety, arranged in line and next to [each other] one another. [The reference] Reference numbers 3 and 4 are used to generically indicate a pair of [identically] like-shaped joints of the jawed-type connected to each other by [means of] a helicoidal spring 5 that has its respective ends connected to [the] joints 3 and 4.

Please amend page 8, second full paragraph, to read as follows:

[Variations and/or] Various modifications [can be brought to the connection group for connecting movable road barriers in accordance with the present invention without departing from] and alterations to the invention may be appreciated based on a review of this disclosure. These changes and additions are intended to be within the scope and spirit of the invention as [set forth in] defined by the [appended] following claims.